



Montana Behavioral Initiative Early Childhood Program Opportunities

If you share the following beliefs:



- ✓ All children should be taught all the skills necessary for success: social, emotional, behavioral, and academic.
- ✓ Schools (preschool through high school) are places where students can learn and practice positive interpersonal, cross-cultural, and citizenship skills.
- ✓ Effective use of a team approach involving all school staff working together provides a consistency which enhances student success.

You will want to explore the Montana Behavioral Initiative

The MBI is a comprehensive **staff development** venture that improves the capacities of early childhood programs, schools, and communities to meet the diverse and increasingly complex **social, emotional, and behavioral needs** of students. The MBI assists educators, parents, and other community members in developing the **attitudes, skills, and systems** necessary to ensure that each student, regardless of ability or disability, leaves public education and enters the community with social competence.



To learn more about the MBI please visit the website at <http://www.opi.mt.gov/MBI/index.html>

Professional Development and Early Childhood Sites

- Attend the **MBI Summer Institute**. June 22-26, 2009. Held at the MSU Campus in Bozeman.
 - Attend for the entire week a day or (Individuals for the week, \$265.00; Teams of 4 or more people for the week, \$240.00; Individual for a single day, \$75.00.
 - Limited **funding is available** to help Early Childhood teams attend the summer institute.
 - Early Childhood Strand Topics and Presenters include: **Teaching Tools** with Lise Fox, **Introduction to MBI** with Becky Beckner, and **Powering Up PBIS with Parents** with Shelley Nielson-Gatti.
 - Registration website www.Montana.edu/cs/mbi/.
- **Become an Early Childhood MBI Team.**
 - Teams include 3 to 5 representative members of the program staff including an administrator.
 - Receive 4 days of **Team Training** (held regionally).
 - Two days in the fall, two days in the spring. Plus one additional day of training for the team facilitator(s).
 - Travel, per diem, and lodging is **reimbursed** by the OPI.
 - Your team will receive access to an Early Childhood MBI Consultant and **technical assistance** throughout the year.



If your child care, preschool, or Head Start program is interested in becoming an early childhood MBI site, contact Susan Bailey-Anderson, MBI Coordinator, at (406) 444-2046, or email at sbanderson@mt.gov.



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